

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter week 1

Parish Finances
We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 12/13 September was **€2,871.00**

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Association meet every Wednesday in Carrig Hall from 2.30-4.30pm for various activities such as line dancing, board games tea and a chat. Bingo on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Chair exercises are planned for Mondays from 11-12noon starting Mon 5th October for 6 weeks. The groups monthly meeting is on Monday September 28th @ 8pm. New members are welcome.

"Carrig Parent & Toddler Group, Gentle Minds Growing Hearts. A friendly space for parents and carers to meet, chat and make new friends while little ones play, explore and enjoy time together. Come along for some fun, a cuppa **Carrig Hall | Every Friday, 9:30–11am | Starting 4th Sept| €2 donation per family."**

OFFLINE Film Festival 7-11 October. This year's programme brings exceptional cinema right to your doorstep. Feature films, documentaries and competition shorts with educational screenings, animation and kids' workshops all seated beside local favourites – Made in the Midlands and Fright Night! Offlinefilmfestival.com

Are you part of a group, club or community project in the Birr area that you'd like to shout about? **Then join Offaly Local Development Company for a Community Showcase on October 6** – a chance to meet others, promote your group, recruit new members and celebrate all the fantastic things happening across Birr. Get involved. Get connected. Get your group noticed! Contact Claire now to register your interest. Email chall@offalyldc.ie or call 087 7799 853.

Who's ready to put their knowledge to the test? And have a laugh. **Join us on the 29th September at Birr Rugby Club (R42XW64) 6.30pm for our Social Quiz Night.** Come with friends or solo and we'll link you with a team. (No Charge) For more info contact: Derbhla 087 7002521 or Aoife 087 7385989 Offaly Social Prescribing Offaly Local Development Company

Remembered in Mass this Week			
Sat 19th	10.00am	Tree of Hope Mass	
Sat 19th	7.30pm	Pauline Bennett, Fairview (MM) Cyril Goonan, Shinrone (MM) Frankie Hanlon, Ashbrook Drive Ann & Paddy Kirwan, Newbridge Street & son Billy Michael Hansbury Snr, Bulfin Park Susan Whelahan, Parkrise Eamon Pardy, Ashbrook Drive Damien (Damo) O'Shea , Bulfin Park & his brother Trevor & all deceased members of the O'Shea & Brummell families	
Sun 20th	8.30am	Private Intentions	
Sun 20th Carrig	9.30am	Nell Doorley, Loughleen Tom & Sheila Delahunty & deceased family members	
Sun 20th	10.30am	John Curley, Burkes Hill Jim Flynn, Chapel Lane Terry Guinan, Grove Street, Crinkill	
Sun 20th	12noon	Deirdre McCarthy (née Boyd) Birr Road, Roscrea (MM) Agatha Cooney, John's Mall Ann O'Meara, Wilmer Road	
Mon 21st	10.00am	Irene O'Leary, High Street	
Tues 22nd	10.00am	Private Intentions	
Wed 23rd	10.00am	Private Intentions	
Thur 24th	10.00am	Private Intentions	
Fri 25th	10.00am	Private Intentions	
Fri 25th Carrig	7.30pm	Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Bi-Centenary of the Church of the Annunciation Carrig	
Sat 26th	10.00am	Nancy Buckley, Military Road	
Sat 26th	7.30pm	Agnes Dempsey, New Road East, Birr (MM) Freda Brophy, Sandymount, (1st Ann) & her parents Margaret & Vincent Daly Johnny Bracken, Compton Gardens, (1st Ann) Margaret & Ron Merritt & deceased members of the O'Doherty families Eamon & Rose Gunning, Green Street Sheila Jennings, Crinkill	
Sun 27th	8.30am	Private Intentions	
Sun 27th Carrig	9.30am	Mary Buckley (née Doorley), London & Lacka, Shinrone/ Carrig, Birr (MM) Deceased members of the Quinn Family, Lacka	
Sun 27th	10.30am	Patrick O'Meara, Fortal Paddy Wall Gerry Garahy, Mile Tree	
Sun 27th	12noon	Rachel Spain, Corr na Meala, Hillside Chrissie & Johnny Spain, Church Street, Birr	



Preparing for Sacraments 2027

Parents Meetings

First Holy Communion Parents

First Holy Communion meeting takes place on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7.30 pm in The Marian Hall

Confirmation Parents

Confirmation meeting takes place on Thursday September 24th @ 7.30pm in The Marian Hall

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### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

The final Pilgrimage organised by the Legion of Mary to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Bus will depart from Roscrea Car park (beside Tesco) at 8.10am sharp and Birr Square at 8.30am. Fare Adults €25. Students €5. Booking with Mary – 086 405 5570 or Margaret – 087 150 9522 or any member of the Legion of Mary.

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The Legion of Mary

- If you would like to Join the Birr Legion of Mary please **contact Pat on 087 250 0820. Our meetings are held every Friday evening at 7 30pm in the basement of Fr. Tom's. house, John's Mall, Birr.** "Through you ,O Mary, we have a most sure pledge of our resurrection" St. Ephraem.

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### Adoration takes place each weekday morning from 10.30-12noon. We are seeking volunteers to commit to 30 minutes one morning. We are creating a new rota. If you are interested please contact Parish office 05791-22028

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Progressive 25: Lusmagh Camogie Club

are running a weekly Progressive 25 game every Friday, at 8.30pm in Lusmagh Parish Hall. Starting Friday 25th September. All welcome

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### Coffee Morning

- We would like to invite you to a coffee morning for Offaly hospice on Thursday September 24th from 11 am to 2 pm. Come meet your neighbours, have a coffee and a chat and support a good cause. John & Carmel Carroll, The Ring Farmhouse. Birr. R42AY95

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### The feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Mercy Day is celebrated annually on the 24th September as the day on which Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, opened the House of Mercy on Baggot Street, Dublin, and dedicated it to Our Lady of Mercy. Birr is blessed to have had a Mercy presence since 1841 when Catherine McCauley and her sisters arrived in the town. It was her last foundation before her death, today that presence continues with the Sisters in River walk Birr. While the first priority of every Sister of Mercy is prayer, the retired Sisters in the Convent make this their principal apostolate. As we celebrate Mercy Day on Thursday we look back with gratitude on the good work the Sisters have done in our parish in Education, Health Care, and Pastoral Work.

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Bi-Centenary Celebration



Church of the Annunciation Carrig is celebrating its Bi-Centenary on Friday September 25th. Bishop Fintan will be the chief celebrant of a Mass of Thanksgiving on the evening at 7.30pm. Please spread the word to family members and who live away. A Céad mile failte to all. Refreshments in the Community Hall afterwards.

Please pray for the souls of

Eamon Moore, Meadowville, Birr
Eamon McDonagh, Meadowville, Birr & formerly Dublin, sister of Marie Tooher, The Maltings, Birr
Pat Shiel, North Carolina & formerly Burkes Hill, Birr brother of the late Dora Powell, Burkes Hill, Birr
John Kennedy, Ballinderry, Terryglass, father of Mary Butler, Johns Mall & Majella Smith, Hillside`
Remembering Baby Ted Thomas Spain, Syngefield, Birr



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